House Conservation and Environment Committee Amendment #1

Amendment No. 1 to HB1740

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House Bill No. 1740*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause of the introduced bill and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to undertake public-private partnerships with transportation fuel providers, including but not limited to farmer co-ops, to install a network of refueling facilities, including storage tanks and fuel pumps, dedicated to dispensing biofuels, including but not limited to ethanol (E85) and biodiesel (B20).

SECTION 2. To accomplish the purposes of Section 1, the Department may establish a grant program to render financial assistance to help pay the capital costs of purchasing, preparing, and installing fuel storage tanks and fuel pumps for biofuels at private sector fuel stations. The Department may apply for, and make reasonable efforts to secure, federal assistance and other funding sources for such a grant program. The Department may attempt to maximize the total investment in biofuel refueling facilities.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of establishing biofuel storage tanks and fuel pumps at private sector fuel stations, the Department of Transportation shall use any federally appropriated funds or the General Assembly may appropriate such funds to the Department of Transportation from sources other than the state highway fund.

SECTION 4. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture shall have the authority to inspect and test biofuels under the Kerosene and Motor Fuels Quality Inspection Act of 1989.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.